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# QATAR HIGHLIGHTS

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# QATAR BEGINS COVID-19 VACCINATION CAMPAIGN



Qatar has launched a free coronavirus vaccination campaign on December 23<sup>rd</sup> after the first batch of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine arrived in the country.

The vaccine will be administered in two doses, three weeks apart at seven primary health centres in the country. The first vaccine was successfully given to 79-year-old Abdullah Al Kubaisi, former Qatar University president.

The first vaccination phase, dedicated to high-risk groups, will run until January 31, 2021. Qatar Government expects to have enough vaccines to cover the entire population in 2021.

Qatar vaccine plan so far includes the following vaccines:

- ❖ Pfizer-BioNTech
- ❖ Moderna
- ❖ Oxford-AstraZeneca

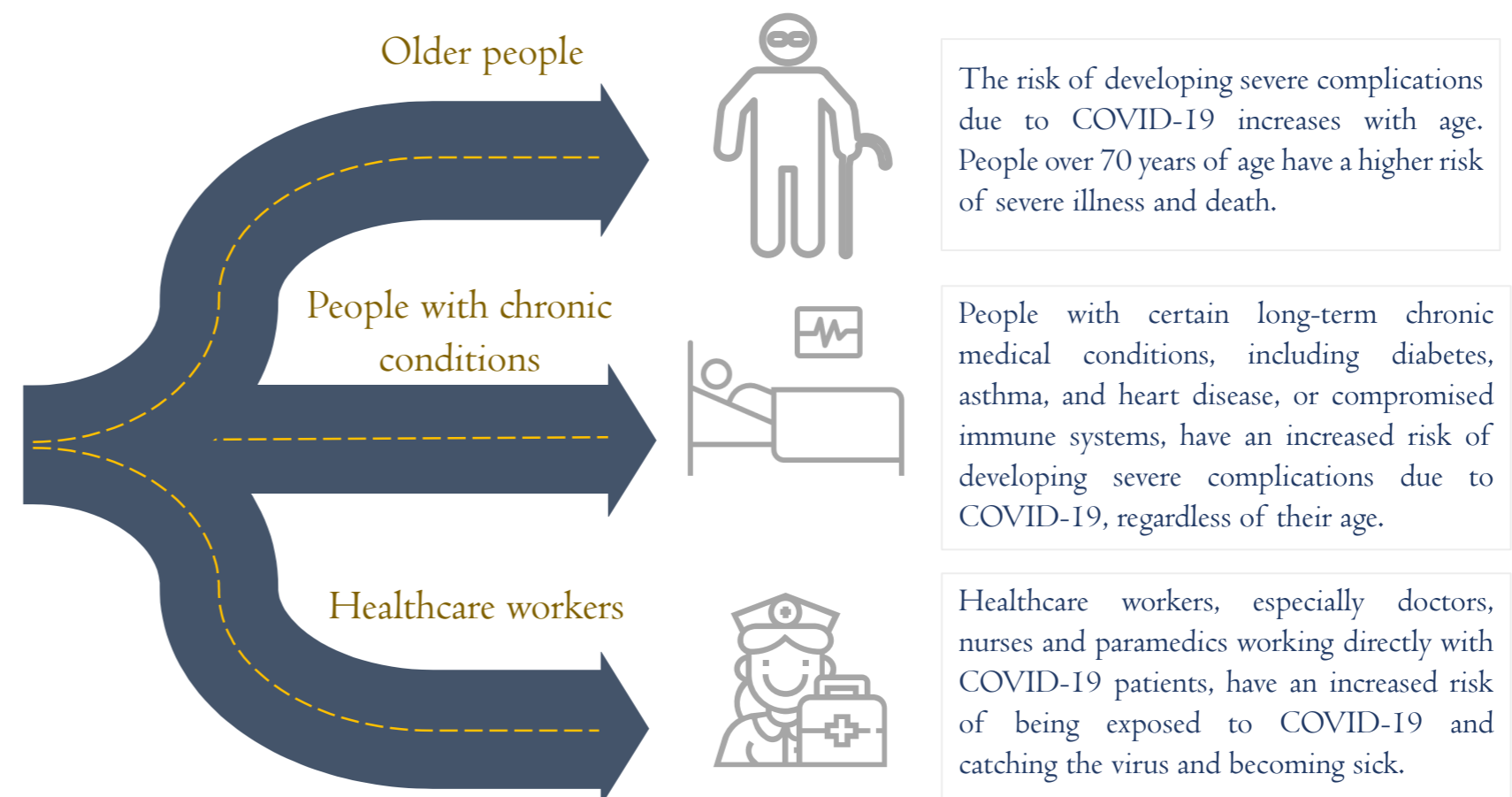
Amid the global pandemic, Qatar has been able to restrict its number of cases and deaths by extensive testing, with more than 1.2 million people tested since the start of the pandemic, almost half of its population.

## The Emir of Qatar Receives Covid-19 Vaccine

HH the Amir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani received the COVID-19 vaccine on Wednesday, December 30, 2020.

H.H. the Amir's Instagram account informed of the news quoting HH saying:

"Today I took the Covid-19 vaccine, and I wish everyone safety and protection from this pandemic."



## Vaccine Priority Groups



## Hamad International Airport Chosen as the Best Airport in the Middle East



**Hamad International Airport (HIA)** has been voted as the “Best Airport in the Middle East” for the fourth consecutive year by Global Traveler’s GT Tested Reader Survey Awards. One of the most prestigious and respected accolades in the business travel industry, the award honours the sustained, outstanding customer service offered by HIA in its passenger-oriented airport experience.

HIA’s commitment to enhancing passenger wellbeing has allowed the airport to place passengers at the heart of its airport experience. Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, HIA has implemented numerous safety, security and wellbeing measures, along with new lifestyle offerings that aid in alleviating the stress caused by travelling during such times of crises.

Hamad International Airport continues its expansion project to increase its capacity to more than 60 million passengers annually. It also focuses on offering elevated retail and lifestyle experiences.

## QATAR AIRWAYS WINS 2021 APEX FIVE STAR GLOBAL OFFICIAL AIRLINE RATING

**Qatar Airways** announced that it has received the 2021 Airline Passenger Experience Association's (APEX) Five Star Global Official Airline Rating. Over the past year, APEX certified nearly one million flights rated by passengers across more than 600 airlines from around the world.

**HE Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, Akbar Al Baker, said:** "We are thrilled to have been awarded the 2021 Five Star Global Official Airline Rating, and we extend our sincere thanks to our many loyal passengers who have voted for us. Such accomplishments push us to continue innovating and redefining the passenger experience."

A multiple award-winning airline, Qatar Airways was named World's Best Airline' by the 2019 World Airline Awards, managed by the international air transport rating organization Skytrax. It was also named Best Airline in the Middle East', World's Best Business Class', and Best Business Class Seat', in recognition of its ground-breaking Business Class experience, Qsuite. It is the only airline to have been awarded the coveted "Skytrax Airline of the Year" title, which is recognised as the pinnacle of excellence in the airline industry, five times.







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## DID YOU KNOW!

Qatar Foundation's Education City hosts 9 universities, 8 of which are international! Namely:

Virginia Commonwealth    Northwestern    UCL Qatar

Carnegie Mellon    HEC Paris    Texas A&M

Weil Cornell Medicine    Georgetown

Hamad bin Khalifa  
University

**Qatar Foundation** for Education, Science and Community Development is a private, non-profit organization established in 1995 by His Highness the Father Amir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani. The Foundation serves the people of Qatar by supporting and operating programs in three core mission areas: education, science and research, and community development. HH Sheikha Moza bint Nasser is the current Chairperson of QF, while HE Sheikha Hind bint Hamad Al Thani serves as the foundation's Vice Chairperson and CEO.

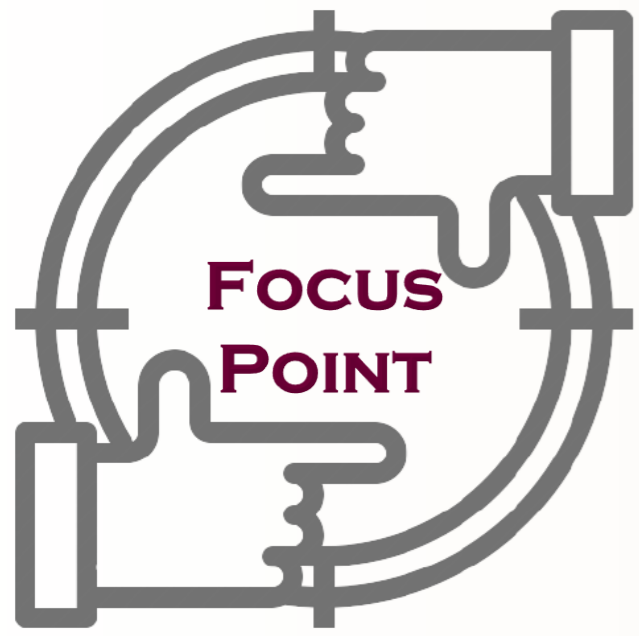
The QF community includes students and staff of over 100 nationalities, a 5,000- strong workforce, and 98 member organizations

QF's pre-university education (PUE) includes K-12 education Qatar Academy schools in six campuses, STEM schools, and two special aid schools. QF's higher education consists of Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU) and eight International partner universities all in **Qatar Education City** site.

## Low GHG and Energy Consumption Efforts by Qatar Foundation

- ❖ In QF's research sector, Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute (QEERI) studies on Qatar's energy and water security challenges and tackles climate change at national and regional levels from the scientific perspective. QEERI enhances research capacity on local climate tailored renewable energy system development and energy storage technologies.
- ❖ As a member organization of QF, Qatar Green Building Council (QGBC) endeavors creating a green building and sustainability culture within the industry and the community, through education and communication and providing the industry professionals with expert training on sustainability and green building practices.
- ❖ From 2019, QF has been tracking efforts on carbon monitoring and emissions reduction by launching the Carbon Change Action Initiative. In January 2020, QF organized a climate change public conference to encourage and push Qatari companies and organizations to introduce initiatives and put in efforts to tackle climate change.





# الأمن الغذائي الوطني NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY



## QATAR'S FOOD SECURITY STRATEGY 2019 – 2023 STANDS ON FOUR PILLARS

Qatar laid the foundations of its **National Food Security Strategy 2019-2023** to optimise the use of the country's natural and water resources, fortify the food security system against shocks during emergencies, identify priorities in terms of food security initiatives and projects, protect and promote local production, improve food quality and safety and maintain a safe and healthy strategic stock.

Just in two years, Qatar was able to achieve high levels of self-sufficiency in terms of various agricultural products and secure a strategic stock of commodities.

And now, Qatar is expected to be among top ten countries in Global Food Security Index by 2021, it currently ranks 1<sup>st</sup> in the middle East and 13<sup>th</sup> Globally



**Just in a few years, Qatar has achieved self-sufficiency in many sectors, like:**

- ❖ 106% self-sufficiency in dairy products increased from 27%
- ❖ 127% self-sufficiency in fresh poultry from 49%
- ❖ 75% self-sufficiency in fish production targeting 95 percent by 2023





# QATAR, A SPORTS HUB

Doha ready to host  
FIFA Club World Cup Qatar 2020,  
to take place between 4-11 February 2021

Qatar is set to host the **FIFA Club World Cup Qatar 2020** this coming February, the organizing committee affirmed full readiness to host the matches of the 17th edition of the Championship, which will be held at Ahmed Bin Ali and Education City stadiums from February 4-11, with the participation of six clubs.

The Club World Cup will be staged with strict measures to combat the spread of Covid-19, the Qatari organisers said less than two weeks before the tournament which will be closed to overseas fans.

It is due to get underway on February 4 with spectator numbers capped at 30 % of capacity at each of the two 40,000-seat grounds which will host games. The organizing committee, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, will implement a comprehensive health protocol during the tournament, pointing out that there are precautionary measures applied in the process of selling and buying tickets and the attendance of the fans in the stadium.

Six clubs will compete at the FIFA Club World Cup Qatar 2020, including Al Duhail SC, FC Bayern Munchen, Egyptian Al Ahly SC, Tigres UANL and Ulsan Hyundai FC.

Learn more about this story



## Did You Know?

**DOHA WILL BE THE HOST OF  
THE 21<sup>ST</sup> ASIAN GAMES 2030**



Doha is set to host the 21st edition of the **Asian Games** in 2030, the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) has announced last December 2020.

At the announcement ceremony in Muscat, the Doha 2030 Bid Committee was represented by QOC Chairman H E Sheikh Joan bin Hamad Al Thani and top athletes like Mutaz Barshim and Nada Arakji.

Asian Games 2030 will be the second time Qatar's capital has hosted the games, with the first time taking place in 2006.

According to the OCA, Doha “put forward a compact and risk-free bid, with all sports stadiums already in place”.

It added, “The award of the Asian Games will further boost its profile as a world-class sports city, capable of hosting major international events in a variety of sports.”



# DISCOVER QATAR

## Katara Cultural Village

Considering its glossy, luxe exterior, “village” may not be the proper descriptor for this cultural hub located in the heart of urban Doha. While its name implies a certain provinciality, **Doha’s Katara Village** is a stunning show of architecture, modernity, and global unity. Under the leadership of Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir of the State of Qatar, Katara Cultural Village was erected 10 years ago specifically as an homage to global diversity and multicultural understanding.



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### What attractions does the Katara Cultural Village include?

- ❖ Katara Beach
- ❖ The Masjid of Katara
- ❖ The Pigeon Towers
- ❖ Amphitheatre
- ❖ Katara’s Gardens & Katara Hills Promenade
- ❖ Katara Opera House
- ❖ Drama Theatre
- ❖ Halls & Galleries
- ❖ Al Thuraya Planetarium
- ❖ Public Art installations and murals, like:
  - ❁ Oryx Going Ahead
  - ❁ The Force of Nature
  - ❁ Gandhi’s Three Monkeys

Katara Cultural Village is the largest and the most multidimensional cultural project of Qatar. It is a place where people come together to experience the cultures of the world. With beautiful theatres, concert halls, exhibition galleries and cutting-edge facilities, Katara aims to become a world leader for multi-cultural activities.

In line with the goals set forward by the Qatar National Vision 2030, Katara serves as a guardian to the heritage and traditions of Qatar and endeavours to spread awareness about the importance of every culture and civilization and as such, Katara hosts international, regional and local festivals, workshops, performances and exhibitions.



*Find culture in the details, Visit Katara Cultural Village*



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